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SUBJECT: PRESS QUERY RE AMERICAN CITIZENS HELD IN GDR

1. BERLIN AP CORRESPONDENT QUERIED MISSION NOVEMBER 6 AS TO WHETHER ANY AMERICAN CITIZENS CURRENTLY UNDER ARREST IN GDR OR BEING DETAINED BY GDR AUTHORITIES. MISSION SPOKESMAN REPLIED THAT SINCE AMERICANS HAVE BEEN MENTIONED ONLY PERIPHERALLY IN RECENT TRIAL OF WEST BERLIN AND FRG EXFILTRATORS, ANY MISSION COMMENT WOULD ONLY SERVE TO AGGRAVATE THE SITUATION.

2. AP CORRESPONDENT THEN EXPLAINED THAT HE IS PREPARING STORY ON EXFILTRATION PROBLEM COVERING DEVELOPMENT OF GDR AND FRG ATTITUDES AND POLICIES AND SINCE SPOKESMAN DID NOT DENY THAT ANY AMERICAN BEING HELD, HE WOULD DROP STATEMENT TO THAT EFFECT FROM STORY. HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD PURSUE AMERICAN ANGLE "THROUGH OTHER SOURCES". IT APPEARS, THEREFORE, THAT WE HAVE TO BE PREPARED FOR EARLY SURFACING OF STEINER CASE (BERLIN 1702 AND PREVIOUS). IN THIS CONNECTION, WOULD APPRECIATE INFO REQUESTED IN BORG/LEDSKY LETTER REGARDING CITIZENSHIP STATUS OF STEINER.BORG

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